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SUBJ: MOBUTU AND ANGOLAN LIBERATION

1. HIGHLIGHT OF RECENT JEUNE AFRIQUE INTERVIEW OF MOBUTU (TEXT BROADCAST AND PUBLISHED HERE OCT 15,) WAS HIS REPLY TO TWO QUESTION ON ANGOLIAN LIBERATION. MOBUTU REFERRED TO PASSAGE IN HIS OCTOBER 4 UN SPEECH ON SUBJECT AND SAID HE WOULD NOW ELABORATE. MAIN POINTS FOLLOW.

2. ZAIRE HAS 2000 KILOMETERS BORDER WITH ANGOLA AND HAS PROVIDED SUTIABLY EQUIPPED BASES AND MODERN ARMS TO ANGOLAN FIGHTERS. OAU LIBERATION COMMITTEE HAS SEEN THIS AND REPORTED ON REALITY OF ZAIRIAN AID. GOZ IS SADDENED BY IDEOLOGICAL DIVISIONS BETWEEN MPLA AND FLNA WHICH PREVENT IMPLETMENTATION OF AGREEMENT REACHED DECEMBER 13, 1972. GOZ BELIEVES IDEOLOGY SHOULD TAKE BACK SEAT TO LIBERATION STRUGGLE.

3. MOBUTU SAID AGOSTINO NETO WANTS TO REMAIN IN
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BRAZZAVILLE AND ENJOY FREEDOM TO SEND ARMED MEN BACK

AND FORTH ACROSS RIVER AND ACROSS ZAIRE TERRITORY TO
ANGOLAN BORDER. GOZ HAS INFORMED HIM THIS NOT REALISTIC
FROM MILITARY VIEWPOINT. IT WOULD ALSO CREATE INTERNAL
SECURITY PROBLEM FOR ZAIRE WHICH CANNOT ALLOW ARMED MEN
TO CROSS ITS TERRITORY THIS WAY. CONSEQUENTLY GOZ
PROPOSED TO MPLA THAT IT ESTABLISH ITSELF IN ZAIRE, AND
IT HAS PLACED AT MPLA DISPOSAL WHATEVER IS NECESSARY
TO THIS END. GOZ HOPES ALL THESE DIFFICULTIES WILL BE
OVERCOME BY GOOD WILL. IN ANY CASE, MOBUTU CONCLUDED,
ZAIRE'S SONS AND DAUGHTERS ARE MOBILIZED TO COMBAT

RACISTS AND COLONIALISTS OF SOUTHERN AFRICA.
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